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# WEEKLY NEWS

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# Taxpayers set to foot bill for free bus travel

FREE bus travel for pensioners could lead to a Council Tax hike for everyone else in Haverhill after it was revealed the scheme had to be subsidised by £225,000 this year.

Haverhill pensioners can travel for free in Suffolk since a concessionary fares scheme was introduced in April 2006.

But a £427,000 grant from central Government failed to cover the cost of running the scheme – St Edmundsbury Borough Council has revealed there was a £223,000 shortfall this year. And councillors are now warning the scheme will have an impact on Council Tax payers next year.

BY Ben Lee

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Coun Terry Clements, cabinet member responsible for transport and planning, said: "Offering free travel is good news for many people but we need to be realistic about the cost to Council Tax payers."

"The Government grant falls far short this year and we are worried that exactly the same will happen next year."

"And as we have no way of knowing how many people will make use of next year's free travel scheme, we cannot make an accurate estimate about costs in next year's budget."

St Edmundsbury's cabinet was looking at sticking to the Government's recommendation to cover free off-peak travel, but the council is

now promising to continue with offering the scheme at all times.

Coun Clements said: "It is a good idea but some people use it just to ride around. There are so many people using it now."

Our sister paper, the *Cambridge Evening News*, campaigned for four months in 2006 to get the scheme on track across the region.

It delivered a petition of more than 10,000 signatures to 10 Downing Street.

In St Edmundsbury, there are almost 12,000 concessionary fare pass-holders who are entitled to free travel, with costs being met by the district council where passengers live.

The council said it is seeking a commitment from the Government that it will either take on the responsibility for this scheme or that it will reimburse the actual costs involved.



■ GOOD SPORTS... sporting stars of the future could have been taking their first steps towards Olympic glory in Haverhill last week when Abbeycroft Leisure provided a free day of sporting activities at Haverhill Leisure Centre. It was part of national 2012 Day, aimed at enticing children into taking up Olympic sports. Among those taking part was Tyler James, who got a few tips from Paralympic basketball player, Caroline Maclean. See full story and more pictures - Page 3

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# Robbery, floods and puppy love in 2007!

## JANUARY

THE year got off to a disturbing start with an armed robbery on New Year's Day at Ladbrokes in Jubilee Walk, Haverhill, with an unknown amount of cash being taken. Another armed robbery just two days later, at B & B Stores on Chapple Drive, forced the mayor, Ann Thomas, to deny that the town had turned into a "Wild West" outpost.

*Weekly News* readers came to the rescue of 15-week old puppy Frank with a stunning fundraising performance. The young Golden Retriever, owned by Haverhill couple Chris Brown and Amanda Kemp, needed a £3,000 operation to save his life from a rare liver condition – and within a week readers had donated enough cash to allow the surgery to go ahead.



■ ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY . . . little Sorrel Mason, of Great Wrating, underwent a pioneering bone marrow transplant in February.

Change group in protest at the move.

West Wrating witnessed a funeral procession with a difference when the body of villager Ken Donaldson, 70, was taken to church on a 19th Century bier which he had discovered in the churchyard during the 1970s.



■ PUPPY LOVE . . . in January, generous readers helped Chris Brown and Amanda Kemp raise £3,000 to give Golden Retriever Frank a life-saving operation.

A Save Our Schools campaign was launched after Suffolk County Council voted to close middle schools in the area, including Parkway Middle School in Haverhill. Hundreds of people also joined the Parents Against



■ OUTRAGE . . . parents have spent much of 2007 fighting Suffolk County Council plans to scrap middle schools and introduce a two-tier education system.

## FEBRUARY

Robert and Samantha Mason, of Great Wrating, waited anxiously at the bedside of their two-year-old daughter Sorrel after she underwent a pioneering bone marrow transplant to treat her acute myeloid leukaemia. Following the operation, Robert donated white blood cells for his daughter until she was able to produce her own.

Tributes were paid to 15-year-old Imogen Barker, who died in a road accident on the A1307 at Horse Heath. The Shudy Camps resident was struck by a car after getting off the bus. Her mother Christiane said: "She was

hardworking, she loved her music and her friends, and she was absolutely loyal to them."

Haverhill councillor Gordon Cox landed himself in hot water after telling youth councillor Emrys Green that "children should not interrupt when adults were speaking" and that "only when they paid, could they have a say". Councillor Cox avoided a two-month suspension after making an apology.

## MARCH

It emerged that a Castle

Camps farmer had built himself a three-bedroom farmhouse without planning permission – and then built a 20ft barricade of straw bales to hide it from view. South Cambridgeshire District Council told David Spencer, of Lower Camps Hill, to make a retrospective application, but local residents called for tougher enforcement.

Tragedy struck when a teacher from Haverhill died just days before her wedding. Twenty-three-year-old Shelly Baisden was meant to marry her fiancé William Brindle on Easter Monday, but she lost her two-year battle with cancer on March 17. Despite protests from local residents, planning permission was given for a 6,000sqm Tesco supermarket on the Station Yard site in Haverhill. When the store finally opens in 2009 it could create up to 500 jobs.

## APRIL

Plans for a £9.2 million cinema and restaurant complex in Haverhill got the



■ SHOWTIME . . . plans for a £9.2million cinema and retail complex were unveiled for Haverhill in April. Work got underway in August and the site should open in 2009.

go-ahead. Building work on the Ehringshausen Way development, which will also feature a number of retail units, got under way in August.

Haverhill student Liam Plumridge had the trip of a lifetime to Ecuador as part of the BBC 2 programme, *Beyond Boundaries*. Liam, who suffers from dyspraxia, travelled to South America with nine other disabled young people, where they sailed down the Amazon and climbed a volcano.

A Haverhill family were saved from an arson attack – after being woken by the cries of their five-week-old

baby. The baby's 25-year-old father, his 21-year-old fiancée and five-year-old son had been asleep at their Wentworth Terrace property when a wheelie bin in an adjoining cupboard was set alight. A 16-year-old was later given a 12-month supervision order for the offence.

## MAY

A charity shop supervisor branded thieves who broke into her store by cutting a hole in the ceiling as "scum". Intruders stole cash from the NCH shop in Queen Street, Haverhill, after gaining access to the flat above. The charity was left counting the cost of around £200 in lost takings and a hefty repair bill.

Ladbrokes in Jubilee Walk, Haverhill, was again targeted by an armed robber – believed to be the same man responsible for the raid on New Year's Day and also a robbery at Ladbrokes' Camps Road branch in February. The man, who is believed to have targeted 21 betting shops across the region, is



■ TRIBUTES . . . for 15-year-old Imogen Barker, who was killed on the A1307 near Horse Heath in February.

homes in Church Street, Water Lane, and also Helions Road – where thieves broke into properties as they stood empty.

However, there was glorious sunshine for Great Wrating Fete, which raised £5,400 for church funds. The guest of honour was young Sorrel Mason, who had been released from hospital just in time for her sister's first birthday. Doctors now hope that she should make a full recovery.

South Cambridgeshire District Council rejected plans for a wind farm near West Wrating, after concerns were raised about the size of the development and potential damage to the countryside landscape. Renewable Energy Systems, which had hoped to build 13 turbines at Wadlow Farm, said it planned to appeal.

From despair came the gift of life, following the death of 24-year-old Christopher Skinner, from Haverhill.

Parents Nigel and Anna Skinner, of Chapple Drive, said they were devastated after Christopher died from a brain haemorrhage, but revealed that two other lives had been saved by the donation of his organs.



■ FAMILY FUN DAY . . . Anastasia Selby at the Great Wrating Fete in June.

The *Weekly News* continues its look back at 2007 in next week's edition, when the spotlight will be on the last six months of the year.



## Busy, fruitful year . . . 2008's set to be the same

**"ON BEHALF** of the town mayor, Ted Trebble, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the past year. What's been happening in Haverhill in 2007? Well, quite a lot!

One of my personal highlights of the year was in November. Everyone at the town council was very proud to honour Haverhill's war veterans with the Freedom of Haverhill.

At two ceremonies at the arts centre, we presented more than 60 veterans with a special certificate to recognise their bravery and, in the words of the certificate, that the "stability which we are grateful [in Haverhill] to enjoy is founded upon their selfless and valiant deeds". Both ceremonies and the

Remembrance Day parade were special events which I am particularly proud to have taken part in.

If we look to the ways the town council has helped improve the fabric of the town, we have funded new litter and dog bins, bus shelters, are part-funding the refurbishment of a play area, and we set aside money for fencing the cemetery.

We are also looking at increasing public access to West Town Park after it was realised that there was a wider, and rarer, range of flora than previously recognised. Together with the Environment Agency and St Edmundsbury Borough Council,

the town council will be introducing more interpretation boards, seating and litter bins, and a different cross-park walk.

Local organisations have benefited from the council's community support in 2007 with grants totalling £20,000. Groups benefiting this time include two new organisations – the Haverhill School of Speech and Drama, which is looking to hold a Festival of Speech and Drama in 2008, and the History Film Group, which is looking to make a film of 21st Century life in Haverhill.

Leisure events in the town seemed to meet with approval, judging from the turnouts. Crowds packed the Market Square for the summer's live

music events, the Hallowe'en Trail and the Family Christmas Night were equally well attended, and the arts centre has also boosted overall attendance.

On a more serious note, we have campaigned in respect of funding for Primary Care Trust cash for doctors.

To conclude, we at the town council hope that 2008 proves as fruitful as 2007 and look forward to welcoming Coun Trebble back to the council in the near future."

Les Ager  
Deputy Mayor

## Future stars go for gold at sports day



**SPORTS** stars of the future could have taken their first step towards Olympic glory in Haverhill.

National 2012 Day was held across the country last week to entice children into taking up Olympic sports. Abbeycroft Leisure provided a free day of sporting activities at Haverhill Leisure Centre. Michelle Curran, sports development co-ordinator and organiser of the Go for Gold day, said: "This was a fantastic chance for youngsters to get involved in various sports while supporting National 2012 Day."

The activities were aimed at youngsters aged between five and 13 years old.

Sports such as basketball, hockey, badminton, swimming and athletics, as well as less traditional activities like circuit training, parachute play and curling, were on offer.



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■ FUN AND GAMES . . . Cole Atkins, left, and Macey Iron, far left, try out some of the sporting activities on offer at the sports day.

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## Labour fears over daycare charging

CHARGES for daycare in Haverhill are going ahead – despite the county council holding a second debate on the controversial plan.

Labour councillors are concerned at the impact the cuts will have on the vulnerable and lonely.

A public consultation exercise found a majority of residents were against charging for daycare services so Labour "called in" the decision, forcing a second council debate.

But by a vote of 41-25, pleas from Labour and the Liberal Democrats to keep free home care in Suffolk were rejected by county councillors.

Labour's Kevan Lim said by the authority's own reckoning, 2,480 residents across the county would now

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be forced to pay for either all their daycare or at least part of it.

Coun Lim told the council: "This is not a small change you are introducing.

"This policy will take a slice from the incomes of thousands of Suffolk's most old and vulnerable, including those on income support and disability allowance, and forces over 2,500 people to pay charges for the first time.

"The Labour group would use some of Suffolk's higher than expected government grant to avoid this unnecessary and unfair policy."

The group pointed out that a higher than expected grant announcement from Government meant an additional £7 million was available to the council.

Graham Newman, the Conservative portfolio holder for adult and community services at Suffolk County Council said: "It is very frustrating that the Labour group is playing politics once again with this issue.

"The simple fact is that virtually every council in the country operates a charging scheme similar to the one we are proposing, including all others in the east of England.

"Not only this, the Government openly expects us to charge for these services and has moderated our funding accordingly.

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# Flats bid for shop set to be rejected

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A SHOP that has stood derelict in Haverhill's High Street for the past five years is set to remain closed after planners recommended turning down proposals to build flats above it.

The well-known Bowes and Bowes carpet shop has been empty since a fire gutted it in 2002.

Company owner Pat Bowes has since relocated his business and sold on the premises to developers.

But Unique Building Contractors has now had plans for nine flats and a new retail unit twice recommended for refusal by St Edmundsbury Borough

Council's planning department. In the latest application, the firm outlined plans to demolish and rebuild the site.

A plan for four one-bedroom and four two-bedroom flats on the site was turned down in November. The council said it was too large and overbearing for neighbouring properties.

This time, the plans were for a three-storey development and changed to include seven one-bedroom and two two-bedroom flats.

But the council is still opposed to its size and has recommended permission be refused when its development

control committee meets on January 3.

The council's design and conservation officer states in the agenda for the meeting: "The new proposal has taken account of earlier reservations with regard to the front High Street elevation."

"However, the two rear elements to the High Street are little changed in scale and massing."

"The rear and side elevations are still as overbearing as the original proposal and likely to have a detrimental effect on properties in Duddery Road."

The building's previous occupant, Pat Bowes, now runs his carpet business from his home.

## Drivers caught in crackdown

MORE than 60 drivers have tested positive for drink-driving during Suffolk Police's Christmas drink-drive campaign.

The figures cover the first half of the campaign – from December 1-16.

They showed that officers across the county conducted 1,727 breath tests and 67 were positive.

Inspector Trevor Sharman, of Suffolk Constabulary's roads policing unit, said: "As in previous years, the

figures show that there are a minority of drivers who continue to ignore the law and drive their cars after drinking.

"They also show that we have conducted more than 1,700 breath tests in the first couple

of weeks of December, underlining our determination to stamp out drink-driving.

"Those motorists should reflect on this figure and come to the sensible conclusion that drinking and driving is not worth the risk."

## Donation delights

CHILDREN were delighted to learn they have some new equipment.

Recently-retired television and film animator Beth McFall has donated animation equipment to Samuel Ward Arts and Technology College's art department.

The art department introduced animated art into its curriculum two years ago.

## Door is damaged

GLASS was smashed in the door of a house in Queensway, Haverhill.

It was cracked by an unknown offender between 3pm and 6pm on Tuesday, December 18.

Anyone with information about the damage should call Pc Andrew Green at Haverhill Police on (01284) 774100, or Crimestoppers on (0800) 555111.

## Rising stars ready to do battle

APPLICATIONS are being accepted for the annual Haverhill Battle of the Bands competition.

It takes place in February at Haverhill Arts Centre. The event is sponsored by Haverhill

Town Council and the winners will receive time in a recording studio and a number of other prizes.

The four heats take place on Friday, February 1, Friday, February 8, and Saturday, February

9, with the final on Saturday, February 23.

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THE career of a young mechanic is accelerating fast after he landed a job as a racing technician.

Josh Smith, 16, from Clare, has landed a job with Pace Products (Anglia) based in Haverhill.

He completed a motor vehicle course through the Flexible Learning Programme at West Suffolk College as a 14 to 16 School Link pupil.

Tom Toolan, assistant head of engineering at the college, said: "Josh is our first autosport apprentice."

Josh is enrolled on a PEO (Performing Engineering Operations) – Motorsport NVQ with a City and Guilds Technical certificate, attending college on day release.

Mr Toolan said: "Because of the mix of City and Guilds and EAL qualifications we had, we had to get special permission to run his apprenticeship. This is a wonderful opportunity for Josh, West Suffolk College and Pace Products."

To find out more about School Link contact Michèle Faiers, head of School Link Programme on (01284) 716244 or email [michele.faiers@wsc.ac.uk](mailto:michele.faiers@wsc.ac.uk)



■ RACING AHEAD . . . Josh Smith works on a racing car engine at Pace Products' workshop in Haverhill.

## Car stereo theft bid

WOULD-BE car thieves tried and failed to take a stereo.

Offenders broke into a red Vauxhall Corsa in Layer Road, Haverhill, by smashing a window and attempting to steal a stereo fascia sometime between December 16 and December 19.

Call Pc Jonathan Chapman at Haverhill police on (01284) 774100, or Crimestoppers on (0800) 555111, if you have any information.

## Vandals strike

MINDLESS vandals have scratched a car. A silver Citroen C4 parked in Warren Court, Haverhill, was scratched along both sides between 2pm on December 16 and 9.30am the following day.

Call Pc Stuart Cirket at Haverhill police on (01284) 774100, or Crimestoppers on (0800) 555111, if you can help.

## WEEKLY NEWS Letters

THE Haverhill Weekly News welcomes your views. Write to: Readers Letters, Haverhill Weekly News, 4 Queen Street, Haverhill, CB9 9EF or send an email to [editorial@haverhillweeklynews.co.uk](mailto:editorial@haverhillweeklynews.co.uk) Please be as concise as possible and attach your full name, address and telephone number.

## No vision in school change plan

Sir, Where is the vision for Haverhill in the proposed reorganisation plans for education?

Headteachers of the two upper schools have had access to plenty of publicity for their support in getting rid of middle schools through reorganisation.

Teachers' voices have not been heard. We were told, by Suffolk LEA, that we were not allowed to incite anyone to our view. Many teachers are opposed to the scheme, but are afraid of voicing their concerns because, despite the "protocol" signed up to by many heads, they fear that making their opposition clear will jeopardise their future employment. No-one is opposed to exciting solutions to educational problems: all are agreed that more collaboration would be advantageous.

New buildings depend on money provided by government schemes – this money is not guaranteed. If the grant money is not available, and Suffolk already has the funds to cover this, why has this money not been spent where it is already needed, rather than on whole scale reorganisation?

Two out of the four middle schools in the area are very successful. Ipswich has opted out, and decided to go independent, which will take more funds away from Suffolk.

We are told that students will find the process smooth. This is not the case in previous reorganisations. Teachers are dedicated professionals who will do their

best to ensure as little disruption as possible for the students in their care.

However, children are already being taught by cover supervisors (who are excellent, but not trained teachers) and supply teachers, while their own teachers are being sent for re-training. This will get worse as staff leave for more stable jobs. Parents are already withdrawing their children.

Statistics have been quoted to show that reorganisation to a two-tier system will lead to increased attainment. At best, these increases are very small. They are also arguable: some authorities which have changed from three to two-tier systems have shown some improvement, but this increase is on a par with authorities which have stayed three-tier; education results have improved generally. In some areas which have reorganised from three-tier to two-tier, the results have been disastrous.

Continuing with two upper schools and a joint sixth form does not sound like a new solution, just the old one disguised by new buildings. The publishing of league tables will inevitably continue an unhealthy rivalry.

When Haverhill was reorganised into a three-tier system some years ago, it was in response to sound educational and psychological research. Suffolk's current reorganisation is directly in conflict with this, as well as with very recent reports on children's wellbeing, which show that smaller schools are better for children,

especially at adolescence. Many areas and other countries are moving towards this three-tier system.

If Suffolk is set on reorganising, it would seem more sensible to retain middle schools as Key Stage 3 schools (for ages 11-14) and amalgamate the upper schools, together with a sixth form. Children are better able to make the change to a larger, unified educational centre at the age of 14. One way this could be realised is by developing a single purpose-built, well-resourced campus, where numbers of students needing to access the site could be organised into smaller units or "mini upper schools" of approximately 400-500 students (a size now being increasingly recommended as one which maximises pupils' wellbeing and achievement and would also allow for some diversity) alongside a 16+ college. One site which is richly resourced to service the new 14-19 curriculum would mean less travelling between sites both for students and staff (and, let's face it, it hasn't worked very satisfactorily so far where courses have been shared between the upper schools) and improve efficient use of resources. Shared governance of the site would create the much needed co-operation and shared vision necessary for an education system for the future. Now this truly would be an exciting vision for the future of Haverhill.

Name and address supplied

# New centre is safe, says council report

BY Ben Lee

Email: editorial@haverhillweeklynews.co.uk

HEALTH and safety inspectors say a new play centre where a four-year-old broke his leg is safe, calling the incident an "unfortunate accident".

Tai Rose was injured while playing with his cousin at Boomerangs Play Centre in Boundary Road, Haverhill, in October.

Following the incident, a St Edmundsbury Borough Council health and safety inspector visited the site to look at its play equipment.

His report said: "Whilst it is very unfortunate that Tai suffered such an injury due to an accident at the premises, I am satisfied that Boomerangs have taken all reasonable steps to prevent such an occurrence."

The inspector confirmed that an inspection of the nursery's play equipment found it in excellent condition and he has not recommended any alterations to the equipment.

Donna Anderson, who owns the soft play centre with her husband Andrew, said: "We have been given a clean bill of health.

"We have our own independent health and safety consultant who advised us



■ 'SAFE AND SOUND' . . . was the conclusion of an inspector's report after visiting Donna Anderson's soft play centre in Haverhill where a four-year-old broke his leg in October.

Picture: David Johnson 452634.

throughout the set up of Boomerangs on safety issues.

"We were also inspected by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, who would have, without a doubt, not allowed us to open our doors to the public if they felt

there were any safety issues.

"Safety has always been foremost in our minds. Of course we do feel sorry for the boy who injured himself but we have confirmation that all aspects of the facility are safe."

## MP's fears over bed cut numbers

HAVERHILL'S MP Richard Spring is "dismayed" at new figures which show a large drop in the number of hospital beds available in Suffolk.

The figures, released by the Department of Health, show that 19.6 per cent of local hospital beds have been cut since 1997.

The figures were revealed as part of an answer to the MP's question on the issue in Parliament.

He said: "Continuously our local hospitals are on 'black alert' as a shortage of beds sees our hospitals at bursting point.

"Now we know the reason why. In the past 10 years, 20 per cent of available beds have been cut.

"Having hospitals full to capacity raises the risk of superbugs such as Clostridium difficile and MRSA. At a time when we have already seen worrying increases in the amount of superbug cases at some hospitals in the region, these figures are even more disturbing.

"Our doctors and nurses do a wonderful job but they are struggling to cope."

The amount of available beds in Suffolk hospitals has decreased 20 per cent from 1,501 in 1996/97 to 1,194 in 2006/07.

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## Vandals target cars in attacks

CAR vandals have been on the rampage in two Haverhill streets.

Police are investigating two spates of vandalism within 24 hours.

Trim was removed from both sides of a silver Ford S-Max on a driveway in Henderson Close, between 5pm on Monday, December 17, and 4pm the following day.

Between 10pm on the same day and

8am the next, a number of cars were either scratched or had their wing mirrors broken off in Queensway.

Anyone with information about the Henderson Close incidents should call Pc Andrew Green on (01284) 774100, or speak to Pc Jonathan Chapman about the Queensway offences. Anonymous information can also be given by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

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■ 'PROFESSIONAL AND CONFIDENT' . . . the Samuel Ward team, which took third place in the *Dragon's Den*-style Make Your Mark challenge in London.

## Top team conquers the den

FIVE students made their mark in a *Dragon's Den*-style competition.

Samuel Ward Arts and Technology College students Daniel Samuels, Simon Polley, Matthew Robertson, James Murkin and Greg Johnstone took part in this year's Make Your Mark challenge after progressing through the regional heats to become one of 10 national finalists.

The finals were held over two days at the Cumberland Hotel, Marble Arch, in London.

The Samuel Ward team, competing against teams from large sixth form colleges, had to pitch their proposals to a *Dragon's Den*-style panel, which included successful entrepreneur Levi Root. The students had designed and marketed a "compactomatic" machine for compacting household recyclable waste.

The boys took third place in their category in the national enterprise competition, winning £1,000 for the school.

The judges said: "The Samuel Ward team excelled in all aspects of the competition and were extremely professional, confident and articulate in the presentation of their ideas."

The Make Your Mark campaign is a national campaign to create an enterprise culture among young people.

## Spa prize winners

THE lucky winners of a Weekly News competition have been announced. The Atlantic Health and Spa, based in Sudbury, was offering one month's club membership for two, or a spa package for two worth £200.

The lucky competition winner was Mrs N Chilcott, of Green Road, Haverhill.

The firm was also offering a five-day membership for two, or a one-hour treatment, as runner-up prizes.

These were picked up by: Roma Holmes, of Helions Park Grove, Haverhill; Nikki Ivins, of Western Avenue, Haverhill; Mr D Scott, of Gloucester Place, Clare; Mrs A Caulkett, of Lower Road, Hundon; and the resident of Blackberry Hollow Cottage, in Sturmer.

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## Would-be thief flees after rob bid

A WOULD-BE handbag snatcher has struck.

A woman was walking at the rear of the Focus store in Hawthorn Road, Haverhill, when a man pushed her to the floor at

9pm on Tuesday, December 18. The snatcher left empty handed but the woman was left shaken.

The offender is described as white, 5ft 10in tall, of slim build and was

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# Cash windfall to aid new growth projects

HAVERHILL is set to benefit from £5 million of new Government funding.

St Edmundsbury Borough Council has been awarded the money from the Government Growth Area funding pot after successfully bidding for cash to carry out improvements to the borough's infrastructure.

The council's windfall will fund infrastructure, such as new roads, so that land already

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identified for housing and jobs can be developed.

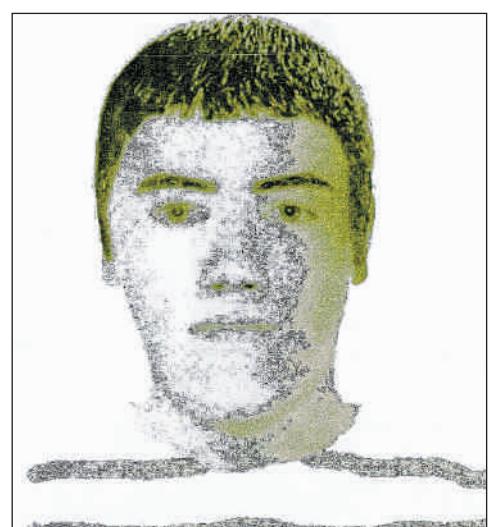
The funding amounts to just over £2million for 2008/09, with a further £3million earmarked for 2009-2011.

Coun Terry Clements, St Edmundsbury's cabinet member with responsibility for transport and planning, said: "This

is excellent news for St Edmundsbury.

"This funding will help us to plan for sustainable development in the borough as well as deliver much-needed new infrastructure which will benefit everyone who lives, works and visits the borough.

"We will now sit down and prioritise exactly which projects will receive funding as well as preparing a further submission to the Community Infrastructure Fund."



■ DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN? ... an e-fit of the man police want to talk to in connection with a sex attack.

## Call for help to catch attacker

POLICE have issued an e-fit of a man they want to trace in connection with a sex attack on Haverhill's recreation ground.

A young woman was walking to work when she was grabbed from behind.

The victim resisted and ran away.

The attack took place on December 9 at around 7.25am.

The suspect is described as a white male,

around 20 to 28 years old, 6ft tall, of medium build, with dark coloured hair. He was wearing dark blue jeans and a blue and white stripy top. He spoke with a local accent.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call DC Claire Humphreys at Haverhill CID on (01284) 774100 or contact Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

## Extension proposal

A HOMEOWNER wants to build an extension in Little Wratting. Mr and Mrs Oakley, of The Oakes, Haverhill Road, Little Wratting, have applied to St Edmundsbury Borough Council to build a two-storey side extension.

## Trees may get chop

THREE Haverhill trees could be chopped down by the council. Suffolk County Council has made a tree preservation order application to fell three Norway Maple trees in Crowland Road.

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# New target pitched for gypsy camps

BY Rachel Extance

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**THE number of new gypsy and traveller pitches needed in Cambridgeshire looks set to be slashed.**

The East of England Regional Assembly (EERA) has been consulting on plans for 383 new caravan pitches across Cambridgeshire, including Peterborough, by 2011.

Suggested figures for South Cambs were 78 to 120 pitches, Fenland was expecting up to 180, Cambridge City 15, East Cambridgeshire 35 and Huntingdonshire 20.

EERA's planning

panel has cut the proposed figure to 233 pitches after allocating more in other parts of the region.

South Cambs may only have to find room for another 59 pitches with Fenland 89, Cambridge 15, East Cambs 35 and Huntingdonshire 20, as previously.

The panel's recommendations will be considered by the regional assembly on January 25 in Norwich.

Coun Derrick Ashley, panel chairman, said: "Too many gypsies and travellers are on land without planning permission and without access to basic facilities and public services."

"The panel's recommendations to provide more legal pitches for gypsy and traveller families living in the



■ OFFERING CHOICE . . . David Bard.



■ BATTLE . . . Joanna Gordon Clarke.

region is a step forward in improving their quality of life and tackling the problem of unauthorised sites."

Planning policy issued by the Government in 2006 requires regional assemblies to make recommendations on the number of caravan pitches for gypsies and travellers needed in each local

authority area. Government will determine the final number of pitches in 2009 following further consultation in 2008.

Rick Bristow, former chairman of Cottenham Residents' Association, praised the efforts of South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC): "Sebastian Kindersley

and subsequent leader Ray Manning, together with their respective legal advisers, have demonstrated that with proper leadership and a proper way of addressing the gypsy and traveller problem, you get results. They have worked hard and done very well.

"With 59 pitches, once you take the Northstowe pitches out, it should have about 20 pitches allocated to it. That takes more pressure off the remaining villages in South Cambridgeshire, which may get three, four or five pitches."

Coun David Bard, growth and sustainable communities portfolio holder for SCDC, said gypsies and travellers

should have a choice of sites across the region: "South Cambridgeshire is prepared to do its bit and 59 is a reasonable settlement."

Coun Peter Moakes, chairman of strategic development at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "Although we are pleased we will have 35 caravan pitches, we are concerned regarding the overall strategy and its impact on the traveller and gypsy communities throughout East Cambridgeshire."

Cambridge City Council has been struggling to find somewhere to put a traveller transit site for years.

Coun Ian Nimmo-

Smith, council leader, said: "Clearly, given the significant built-up nature of the existing city area we will need to work with South Cambs in the planning of the urban extensions of Cambridge to see whether we can identify suitable locations for traveller pitches."

Joanna Gordon Clarke owns an orchard at Smithy Fen in Cottenham and has been fighting a legal battle against travellers encamped on her land.

She said: "Unless and until there can be adequate law enforcement for those living near the sites the problems won't go away, however many sites you provide."



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**■ HAVING A BALL**  
... above, Courtney Gooch and Amy Nolan-Smith enjoy dancing at the disco. Right, children enjoyed fun and games at their Christmas party.

Pictures: Duncan Lamont  
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## Tots step out for festive party fun

CHRISTMAS came early at a Haverhill nursery. The Stepping Stones nursery had its Christmas party last week. Elaine McManus, from Stepping Stones, said: "All the children had a great time. We hope all our

children and their parents had a very merry Christmas wish them a happy New Year." Stepping Stones Under Fives is a privately-owned pre-school and operates from a classroom within Coupals County Primary School.


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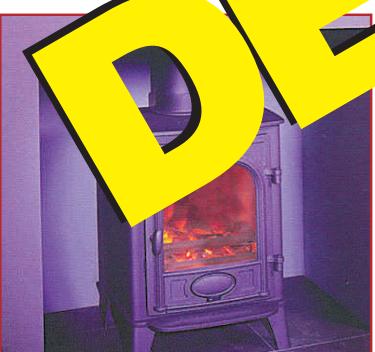
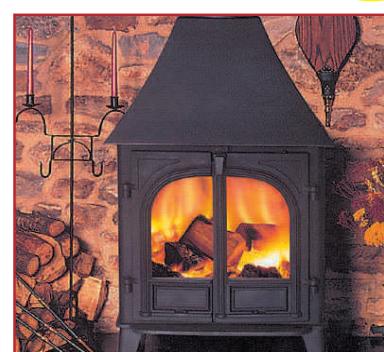
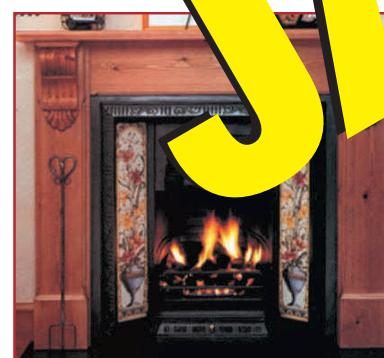
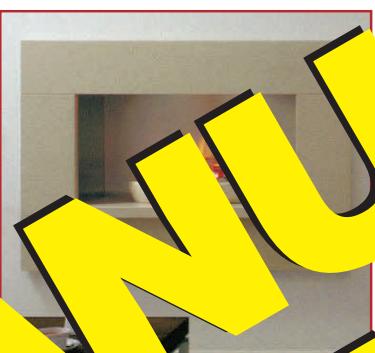
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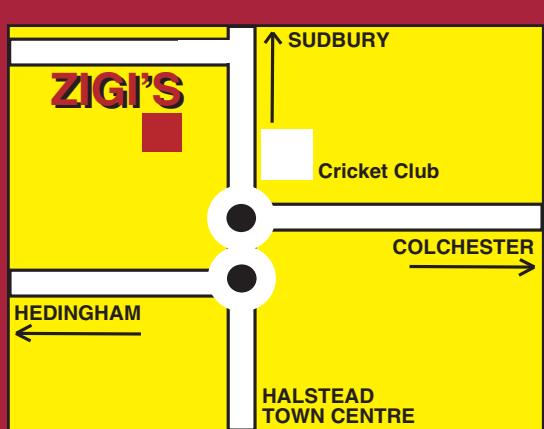
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# Council Tax to increase while services get cut

THERE will be cuts to services and a 5 per cent rise in Council Tax rates from Cambridgeshire County Council next year.

Its leader Coun Keith Walters has directed departments to budget for a 5 per cent rise – running the risk of being capped by the Government – because he cannot stomach the level of cuts needed if the Council Tax bill was lower.

It will mean an extra 90p a week added to the bill for the average band D house.

Local Government Minister John Healey warned that average Council Tax increases should be “substantially below” 5 per cent and that “authorities would be unwise to assume previous capping principles will be repeated”.

But the council’s finance team has warned there is “very little possibility of lower increases without

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significant service reductions” after the Government increased overall funding for Cambridgeshire by just 2 per cent for the next two years and 2.2 per cent the year after.

Not only are the rises below the rate of inflation, but the Government will also take £753,000 away in 2009/10 and £1.98 million in 2010/11 to fund other authorities despite the county’s rapidly growing population.

The council is still working out what the funding settlement will mean for services and where the axe will have to fall.

Senior councillors struggled to understand the Government’s thinking as they discussed next year’s budget.

Coun Walters said: “We should go for 5 per cent or

cuts in services will be too painful.

“We’ve got the fastest-growing county in the nation, a percentage increase which is less than half the average for counties, indeed less than the prevailing rate of inflation.

“I intend to remind Her Majesty’s Government that when they started, this lot said they were going to make local government finance fairer and more transparent.

Coun Jill Tuck, cabinet member for children and young people’s services, said: “Somebody has got to make sense of why the Government continues to do this to Cambridgeshire.”

Coun Mac McGuire, its portfolio holder for transport and access, said: “If the Government believes it has got it right for us, it should have no difficulty explaining it to us.”



**PLAYFUL**... Alsation pup Kai is showing great promise as a police recruit and his handler Pc Martin Lloyd thinks he has what it takes to be a crime fighter.

## Kai is being trained to be top dog

A CUDDLY new recruit has joined Cambridgeshire police. The puppy may not be one of the 100 new officers chief constable Julie Spence is demanding to tackle an influx of migrants. But seven-month-old German Shepherd Kai could still be sniffing out crooks within months.

His handler, Pc Martin Lloyd, said Kai is showing promising signs of being a suitable candidate for a police dog. He said: “Kai is too young to begin his formal police dog training but, through playing games, he has been showing his natural instincts and is looking promising. At this stage all we are trying to do is focus those natural instincts and encourage them.”

Kai, who lives with Pc Lloyd, his wife and two children, was donated to the police by a family who were finding his playful nature too aggressive and demanding, but Pc Lloyd saw potential in the puppy. However, the most important member of the family Kai must impress is Pc Lloyd’s other working police dog, Gunner.

He said: “Gunner is just over seven years old, and he is approaching the age at which police dogs retire.

“He is very athletic, but it’s a balancing act about what’s best for the dog. As they get older they are less agile, and Gunner especially doesn’t like the hot weather. I am hoping to keep Gunner in his retirement years. So far Kai and Gunner are getting on well together – Kai knows Gunner is top dog and that’s the way it needs to stay for the time being.”

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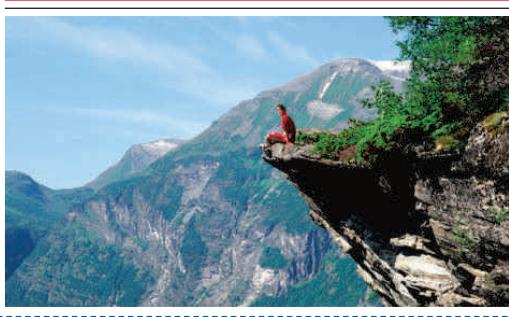
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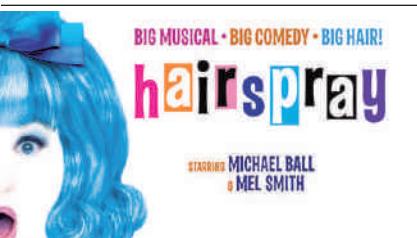
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# Russian stars take flight for Barrie classic on ice

By Mary-Jane Carreyette

THERE'S magic in the air the minute Peter Pan first flies into the Darling children's bedroom.

The Russian Ice Stars are back at the Cambridge Corn Exchange and this year they have an added dimension – flight.

Peter flies in at low level, so do you do a double take: did he really do that? From where I was sitting I couldn't see the wires at all, so of course he did!

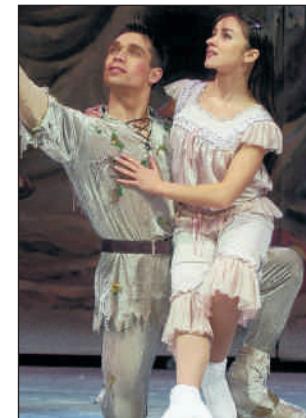
It's been good even up until then, with an intro ensemble in which the author goes for a stroll in Hyde Park and watches some children playing, which gives him The Idea. From then on, brilliantly, the set centres on a giant book, inevitably *Peter Pan* by J M Barrie, which opens out to backcloth size. The skaters turn the pages to change to the different scenes. It's an exciting, and surprisingly modern, story. Parents who go out for the night only to return to find their three children spirited away, a deadly bomb concealed in a present meant to kill someone . . .

In this Never-Neverland, of course, everyone wears skates and it doesn't stop them sailing pirate ships, climbing the rigging, capturing neighbouring Indians as hostages, engaging in spectacular sword fights or even swimming under water. The skating, of course, is fire on ice. To pick out a few, Dmitri Naumkin is the athletic Peter, muscular and all boy. He's ably paired with arch-rival Captain Hook (Aleksei Kozlov) in the exciting fight scenes. Valdis Mintals, perhaps surprisingly for his solo role as J M Barrie, gets to show off his great talents, and also dances with the various characters he has created. I thought he and Tinkerbell, Ekaterina Mintals-Bokiy, really were something special together. And no wonder. They are. They're married. Viktoria Shklover was a touching Wendy and the Darlings – played by understudies Mikhail Stifounine

and Svetlana Kuprina the night I went – were marvellous in their grief. The mermaids, in their imaginative fish costumes, and the Indians, with their fire juggling and insistent rhythms, put on a good show but perhaps even more spectacular were the pirates, because of the aerial acrobatics high above the icy stage.

The whole spectacle is bound together by the artistic direction and choreography of Giuseppe Arena and the music of composer Silvio Amato – the same dynamic duo who brought us the enchanting *Snow White* last winter.

The score is very clever, with all sorts of references – a snatch of *The Barber of Seville* when Hook is having a shave, for example – and, I can't help thinking, something akin to the *Pirates of the Caribbean*'s repetitive, driving soundtrack.



It's a pity the stage isn't bigger, though. The skaters could do with a proper ice rink. Any chance of them getting together with the one on Parker's Piece, assuming both camps return some time? Then the magic could spread even further.

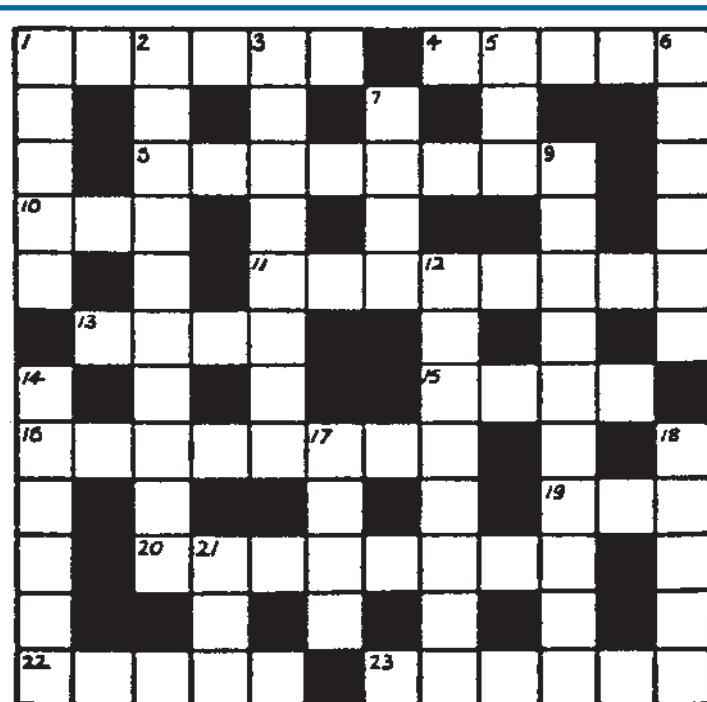
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**2043****Crossword****Across**

- Bishop to stretch to create gap (6)
- Bits sent back for thong. (5)
- Try the Underground to take laboratory equipment. (4, 4)
- Put back the low-quality paper for fish. (3)
- Furnishings come round to us, being in good taste. (8)
- It resounds from some multiple choice. (4)
- Every person should quietly leave fruit. (4)
- One who makes fashionable opening with gold. (8)
- Look at that great piece of wood. (3)
- Twist and shout list of names. (4, 4)
- Get better meeting of supporters. (5)
- Wager beam could be treacherous. (6)

**Down**

- Move young flower, for instance, when climbing. (5)
- More protection needed for fieldsman. (5, 5)
- Depressed to be thrown below. (4, 4)
- Objection over the bath. (3)
- Friend set out to be the least colourful. (6)
- Set up to be in charge of the ears. (4)
- School seize a distinctive part of uniform. (4, 6)
- Go by delivery – appropriate! (8)
- Strike the girl here, said once. (6)
- Ring bells from duty. (4)
- In the past US city showed great pain. (5)
- Wager beam could be treacherous. (6)



■ Solution to 2042 – Across: 1 Propose, 4 Spot, 6 Roaring, 9 Infers, 11 Maine, 12 Thrice, 15 Nearly, 18 Ascot, 19 Appear, 21 Notable, 23 Well, 24 Accosts. Down: 1 Pyromania, 2 Ocarina, 3 Sin, 4 Suffer, 5 Over, 7 Ideal, 8 Gist, 10 Sweetpeas, 13 Heart, 14 Incubus, 16 Rueful, 17 Yarn, 20 Pore, 22 Orc.

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**Aries** Mar21 - Apr20

Your career starts to look up when you get support from an unexpected source. Their input could put you in line for a promotion or high paying job. Spending more time with friends can relieve the tension involved with a new job.

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**Taurus** Apr21 - May21

A chance to go on vacation may come up. Be prepared to leave at a moment's notice. You may have trouble finding someone to care for a pet or child. Seek out a female relative who owes you a favour.

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**Gemini** May22 - June22

You feel drawn to an offbeat authority figure and you could share some passionate evenings this week. Don't rush to settle down together, though. Sexual sparks don't necessarily translate to domestic harmony.

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**Cancer** June23 - July23

Venturing out of your comfort zone could put you in the path of romance. Work may not be particularly fulfilling this week, thanks to stodgy, plodding colleagues. Beware of making teasing remarks, as they will take them the wrong way.

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**Leo** July24 - Aug23

You'll feel especially energetic this week, particularly where romance is concerned. It may be impossible to contain your desire for the object of your affection. Resist the urge to buy your way into their affections.

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**Virgo** Aug24 - Sept23

You're the focus of much romantic attention. Your charms have never been more apparent. If you're in a relationship, let your lover wait on you. Normally, you're the one looking to meet their needs.

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**Libra** Sept24 - Oct23

You could be given some unusual assignments at work. These jobs bring out the best in you. You'll handle yourself admirably at a fancy party. A mutual interest in books or movies helps you form a bond with an attractive guest.

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**Scorpio** Oct24 - Nov22

Creative inspiration could strike at the strangest moments this week. News of a pregnancy comes as a complete surprise. Although this will mean some changes in lifestyle for you, they will prove pleasant ones.

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**Sagittarius** Nov23 - Dec21

You're earning more money now, which gives you more freedom in your personal life. You may not realise it, but many people envy your situation. Take care not to flaunt your liberty to an authority figure.

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**Capricorn** Dec22 - Jan20

Resist the urge to engage in a secret love affair, or you could hurt an innocent victim. You need to be honest in order to maintain the good name you've made for yourself. Ideas for making more money come fast and furious.

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**Aquarius** Jan21 - Feb19

If someone asks for money, you should either refuse or give it as a gift or your relationship will be damaged. You'll be in much demand over the next eight weeks. Keep a record of all your appointments.

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**Pisces** Feb20 - Mar20

People are drawn to your rebellious behaviour. You're glad to be celebrated for your distinction. Usually, it is held against you. A forbidding business or romantic partner may try to take the wind out of your sails.

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# SATURDAY

Thursday, December 27, 2007

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**BBC1**

- 6.00 Breakfast.  
10.00 Saturday Kitchen.  
11.30 Ready, Steady, Cook.  
12.15 BBC News;  
12.25 Football Focus.  
1.15 FILM: Three Men and a Baby (1987).  
Blockbuster comedy, starring Tom Selleck and Ted Danson.  
2.55 FILM: The Cat in the Hat (2003). Comedy fantasy, starring Mike Myers and Dakota Fanning.  
4.10 Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave.  
4.40 BBC News; Weather.  
5.00 Any Dream Will Do: The Winner's Story.  
6.00 Robin Hood. Last in series.  
7.30 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles presents. Including the National Lottery draws.  
8.20 Casualty.  
9.10 The Vicar of Dibley. Dawn French stars in the first of a two-part Christmas special.  
10.10 BBC News.  
10.30 Match of the Day. Highlights of this afternoon's Premier League fixtures.  
11.50 FILM: The Tuxedo (2002). Comedy adventure, starring Jackie Chan.  
1.30 BBC News 24.

**BBC2**

- 6.00 CBeebies: Fimbles.  
6.20 Tikkabilla.  
6.50 Step Inside.  
7.00 CBBC: Dogstar.  
7.25 Dennis the Menace.  
7.45 ChuckleVision.  
8.00 Hider in the House.  
9.00 Totally Doctor Who.  
9.45 Shaun the Sheep.  
10.00 Best of Friends.  
10.30 Stupid.  
10.55 The Story of Tracy Beaker.  
11.25 What's New Scooby-Doo?  
11.45 Watch My Chops.  
12.00 Dancing Cranes of Sweden.  
12.10 Meerkat Manor.  
12.35 Celebrity MasterChef.  
1.35 Identity.  
2.20 Flog It!  
2.50 Hetty Wainthrop Investigates.  
4.30 Final Score.  
5.15 Weakest Link.  
6.00 FILM: Titanic (1997).  
9.00 Have I Got Old News for You.  
9.30 The Funny Side of the News.  
10.30 QI. Compilation of unseen clips from the E series.  
11.00 Dara O'Briain Live from the Theatre Royal.  
12.00 Comedy Connections.  
12.30 Red Dwarf.  
1.05 Long Way Down.

**ANGLIA**

- 6.00 GMTV.  
9.25 CITV: Horrid Henry.  
9.40 Emu.  
9.55 Supernormal.  
10.10 My Parents Are Aliens.  
10.40 Bernard.  
10.55 A Grizzly New Year's Tale: The Crystal Eye.  
11.25 Rugby World Cup Review.  
12.25 ITV News and Weather.  
12.35 Anglia News and Weather.  
12.40 Coronation Street.  
3.50 FILM: Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2004). Premiere. Live action and animated comedy.  
5.30 Anglia News and Weather.  
5.45 ITV News and Weather.  
6.00 You've Been Framed! Calendar Special.  
7.00 No 1 Soap Fan.  
8.00 That's What I Call Television. Des Lynam celebrates classic TV series from the 1970s, 80s and 90s.  
9.00 Keith Barry: The Escape - Live. This show sees the Irish illusionist bound to a chair, then bundled inside a shed packed with explosives.  
10.00 Prime Suspect - The Final Act. Conclusion.  
12.00 ITV News and Weather.  
12.10 FILM: The Insider (1999). Drama, starring Al Pacino.

**CHANNEL 4**

- 6.00 The Hoobs.  
6.50 The Treacle People.  
7.00 Goalissimo.  
8.00 The Morning Line.  
9.00 T4: Live Music Awards 2007.  
10.00 T4: Friends.  
10.30 T4: MobileAct Unsigned: The Live Final.  
11.35 T4: Friends.  
12.00 FILM: Thunderpants (2002).  
1.40 Channel 4 Racing from Newbury, Musselburgh, Bangor-on-Dee and Leopardstown.  
3.40 Come Dine with Me.  
4.55 FILM: The Bridge on the River Kwai (1957). World War Two adventure, with Alec Guinness.  
7.50 Channel 4 News.  
8.20 Deal or No Deal Christmas Star. Noel Edmonds hosts a special edition of the quiz show.  
9.10 AFI's 100 Years, 100 Greatest Movies. A countdown of the greatest American films of all time.  
11.55 FILM: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1969). Oscar-winning Western starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford.  
2.00 FILM: Track 29 (1988).

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- 6.00 Sunrise.  
7.00 Milkshake! Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs.  
7.35 Hana's Helpline.  
7.50 The Beeps.  
8.05 Thomas - Calling All Engines.  
9.25 Franklin.  
10.00 Football Italiano Highlights.  
10.30 Everybody Hates Chris.  
11.00 Noah's Ark.  
12.40 FILM: Forty Guns to Apache Pass (1967).  
2.30 FILM: Something to Talk About (1995).  
4.25 FILM: Fluke (1995). Heart-warming adventure, starring Matthew Modine.  
6.05 Making of World's Strongest Man. Presented by Martin Bayfield.  
7.00 five news and sport.  
7.20 NCIS. The team's investigation into a commander's death uncovers a long list of enemies.  
8.15 NCIS.  
9.10 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Last in series.  
10.10 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.  
11.10 Criminal Minds.  
12.10 Quiz Call.



Mark Smith and Jonas Armstrong  
*Robin Hood*  
BBC1, Saturday, 6pm



Keith Barry  
*Keith Barry: The Escape - Live*  
Anglia, Saturday, 9pm



Paul Mercurio and Tara Morice  
*Strictly Ballroom*  
Four, Sunday, 7.15pm



Julia Roberts  
*Something To Talk About*  
Five, Saturday, 2.30pm

# SUNDAY

**BBC1**

- 6.00 Breakfast.  
7.55 Match of the Day. Highlights include West Ham v Manchester United.  
9.15 The Big Questions.  
10.15 FILM: Babe (1995). Family comedy, with James Cromwell.  
11.40 FILM: Snow Dogs (2002). Family comedy, starring Cuba Gooding Jr.  
1.15 BBC News.  
1.25 EastEnders.  
4.20 Rolf on Art.  
4.50 Songs of Praise.  
5.25 BBC News.  
5.50 The Green Green Grass.  
6.30 A Question of Sport. Sue Barker presents a special end-of-year edition.  
7.00 Antiques Roadshow.  
8.00 Casualty.  
8.55 The Shadow in the North. Billie Piper stars in this sequel to The Ruby in the Smoke.  
10.30 BBC News.  
10.45 One Foot in the Grave.  
11.15 James Blunt & KT Tunstall: Radio 2 Music Club. Also featuring The Hoosiers and more.  
12.15 FILM: The Royal Tenenbaums (2001). Comedy, with Gene Hackman.

**BBC2**

- 6.00 CBeebies: Fimbles.  
6.20 Tikkabilla.  
6.50 Step Inside.  
7.00 CBBC: Jakers!  
7.20 Pinky and the Brain.  
7.40 Even Stevens.  
8.05 The Basil Brush Show.  
8.30 Arthur's Missing Pal.  
9.35 Pitt & Kortrop.  
10.00 Meerkat Manor.  
10.25 Who Do You Think You Are?  
11.25 Victoria's Empire.  
12.25 Celebrity MasterChef.  
1.25 Identity.  
2.10 Flog It!  
2.40 Hetty Wainthrop Investigates.  
4.20 Ready, Steady, Cook.  
5.05 Earth: The Power of the Planet.  
6.05 FILM: Von Ryan's Express (1965). World War Two action adventure, starring Frank Sinatra.  
8.00 Top Gear: Polar Special. The presenters race each other to the magnetic North Pole.  
9.00 Extras. Last ever episode of Ricky Gervais's sitcom.  
10.25 Match of the Day 2.  
11.10 The Graham Norton Christmas Show.  
12.10 Red Dwarf.  
12.40 Long Way Down.  
1.40 FILM: Stranger on the Third Floor (1940).

**ANGLIA**

- 6.00 GMTV.  
9.25 CITV: Art Attack.  
9.50 Finger Tips.  
10.10 Brilliant Creatures.  
10.30 The Championship.  
11.00 F1: 2007 Season Review.  
12.00 ITV News and Weather.  
12.05 Anglia News and Weather.  
12.10 FILM: Casino Royale (1967). James Bond spoof, with David Niven.  
2.40 FILM: Housesitter (1991). Screwball comedy, starring Steve Martin.  
4.30 Anglia News and Weather Week.  
4.45 ITV News and Weather.  
5.00 FILM: Mission: Impossible (1996). Action thriller, starring Tom Cruise.  
7.00 JK Rowling: A Year in the Life.  
8.00 Coronation Street.  
8.30 Heartbeat.  
9.30 FILM: What Lies Beneath (2000). Thriller, with Michelle Pfeiffer.  
10.45 ITV News and Weather.  
11.04 Local News.  
11.05 FILM: What Lies Beneath (2000). Concluded.  
12.00 FILM: The Hurricane (1999). Drama, with Denzel Washington.

**CHANNEL 4**

- 6.00 The Hoobs.  
6.50 The Treacle People.  
7.00 Transworld Sport.  
7.55 Highlander Challenge.  
8.55 T4: The OC.  
9.55 T4: Hollyoaks.  
12.30 T4: Celebrity Predictions 2007-2008.  
1.20 FILM: Home Alone 3 (1997).  
3.05 FILM: Vice Versa (1988). Fantasy comedy. Judge Reinhold stars.  
4.55 The Simpsons.  
5.55 The Best of Scrapheap Challenge.  
6.55 Channel 4 News.  
7.15 FILM: Strictly Ballroom (1992). Highly acclaimed Australian comedy, starring Paul Mercurio and Tara Morice.  
9.00 Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2007. Jimmy Carr is joined by celebrities including Jonathan Ross, Russell Brand, Noel Fielding, Rob Brydon, David Mitchell and Lily Allen for the seasonal entertainment extravaganza, following Noel and Russell's victory last year. A string of A-list celebrities drop in to help out.  
11.05 Shameless.  
12.45 4Music: Isle of Wight Festival 2007.  
2.15 Freesports on 4.

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- 6.00 Milkshake! The Milkshake Show.  
6.20 My First.  
6.30 Thomas & Friends.  
6.40 Angels of Jarm.  
6.50 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs.  
7.15 Thomas & Friends.  
7.30 Hana's Helpline.  
7.40 Peppa Pig.  
7.45 The Beeps.  
8.05 FILM: Rolie Polie Olie: The Baby Bot Chase (2003).  
9.25 Franklin.  
10.00 Hannah Montana.  
11.00 The Parish Church of England: St Martin-in-the-Fields.  
11.45 Everybody Hates Chris.  
12.10 FILM: Captains Courageous (1996).  
2.10 FILM: The War of the Worlds (1953).  
3.45 FILM: Topkapi (1964).  
6.00 FILM: Annie (1982). Starring Aileen Quinn.  
7.45 five news and sport.  
8.00 World's Strongest Man. Martin Bayfield presents the first qualifying heat.  
9.00 FILM: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly (1966). Iconic Western, starring Clint Eastwood, Lee Van Cleef and Eli Wallach.  
12.25 Football Italiano.  
1.25 NFL Live.

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# NEW YEAR'S DAY


**BBC1**

- 6.00 Breakfast.  
9.00 CBBC: The Sorcerer's Apprentice.  
9.30 The Sorcerer's Apprentice.  
10.00 The Slammer.  
10.30 FILM: The Little Vampire (2000). Spooky adventure, starring Richard E Grant.  
12.00 The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message.  
12.05 BBC News.  
12.20 FILM: Bedknobs and Broomsticks (1971). Disney's perky musical fantasy, with Angela Lansbury.  
2.15 Doctor Who.  
3.25 FILM: Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit (1993). Wayward wimpole-wearer Whoopi Goldberg reprises her role.  
5.10 BBC News; Weather.  
5.20 Look East. Weather.  
5.30 Big Cat Diary.  
6.00 Morecambe and Wise – In Their Own Words.  
7.00 Celebrity Mastermind. Ade Edmondson, Bill Turnbull, Jan Ravens and Benjamin Zephaniah take their place in the infamous black chair.  
7.30 EastEnders.  
8.10 Holby City.  
9.10 Sense and Sensibility. New series.  
10.10 Jam & Jerusalem. New series.  
10.50 BBC News.  
11.00 Regional News;  
11.05 FILM: The Count of Monte Cristo (2002). Period adventure starring Jim Caviezel and Guy Pearce.  
1.10 FILM: The Color of Money (1986) Drama, starring Tom Cruise.

**BBC2**

- 6.00 CBeebies: Tikkabilla.  
6.30 Teletubbies;  
7.00 In the Night Garden.  
7.30 Finley the Fire Engine.  
7.40 Toddworld.  
8.00 CBBC: ChuckleVision.  
8.30 Animal Park: Wild in Africa.  
9.00 Meerkat Manor.  
9.25 Around the World in 80 Days.  
10.15 Victoria's Empire.  
11.15 New Year's Day Concert 2008.  
12.50 Coast.  
12.55 Identity.  
1.40 Flog It!  
2.25 FILM: McLintock! (1963).  
4.30 Final Score.  
5.30 FILM: Finding Neverland (2004).  
7.10 Coast: The Journey Continues.  
8.10 Three Men in Another Boat.  
9.10 The Best of Top Gear. The team take a look back at highlights of the motoring series, including the fastest new models, the most desirable classics and the craziest stunts.  
10.10 Match of the Day 2. Highlights from the opening Premier League matches of the new calendar year.  
11.20 Richard Hammond Meets Evel Knievel. The Top Gear presenter comes face to face with motorcycle stunt legend Evel Knievel (who died just a few weeks ago).  
12.20 FILM: To End All Wars (2001). World War Two drama, with Robert Carlyle.  
2.10 FILM: Build My Gallows High (1947).

**ANGLIA**

- 6.00 GMTV.  
9.25 Crocodile Hunter Diaries.  
10.10 Countdown to Midnight: Take That and Guests Live at the O2 Arena. Concert spectacular starring the band and their guests the Sugababes.  
11.40 FILM: Polynnia (1960). Disney tale about a girl who goes to live with her strict aunt in a New England town. Starring Oscar-winner Hayley Mills.  
2.10 ITV News and Weather.  
2.25 FILM: The Flintstones (1994). John Goodman and Rick Moranis star.  
4.05 FILM: Mary Poppins (1964). Disney's enchanting musical fantasy, starring Julie Andrews.  
6.40 ITV News and Weather.  
7.00 Emmerdale.  
8.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Celebrity. Celebrities including Penny Lancaster Stewart, Anna Ryder Richardson and Christopher Biggins join Chris Tarrant for a chance to win big money for charity.  
9.00 Midsomer Murders.  
11.00 ITV News and Weather.  
11.15 FILM: Bonnie and Clyde (1967). Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway star as the infamous bank robbers. With Gene Hackman.  
1.20 FILM: Queen of the Damned (2002). Horror, starring Stuart Townsend as a vampire who rises from the dead and embarks on a career as a rock star.

**CHANNEL 4**

- 6.05 The Hoobs.  
6.55 The Treacle People.  
7.05 FILM: The Rugrats in Paris: The Movie (2000).  
8.25 Everybody Loves Raymond.  
8.55 T4: Friends.  
9.25 T4: The Simpsons.  
9.55 T4: Friends.  
10.25 Celebrity Predictions 2007-2008.  
11.15 FILM: The Rocketeer (1991).  
1.15 Channel 4 Racing from Cheltenham, Exeter and Catterick.  
3.40 Peter and the Wolf.  
4.10 Deal or No Deal.  
4.55 Come Dine with Me.  
5.25 A 100-Grand Place in the Sun.  
6.00 The Simpsons. Bart falls in love with the Rev Lovejoy's daughter Jessica.  
6.30 Hollyoaks. Darren searches frantically for any sign of Jess. Summer worries about telling Kris that she has decided to be with OB.  
7.00 Channel 4 News.  
7.10 A Million Pound Place in the Sun. A British family head to Portugal's Algarve where property expert Amanda Lamb goes all out to find them the house of their dreams.  
8.10 FILM: Fantastic Four (2005). Adventure, starring Ioan Gruffudd.  
10.10 Shameless. New series.  
11.20 The Friday Night Christmas Project with Davina McCall.  
12.20 First Cut: The Triple Nipple Club.  
12.50 First Cut: The Great Football Giveaway.  
1.20 Comedy Lab.

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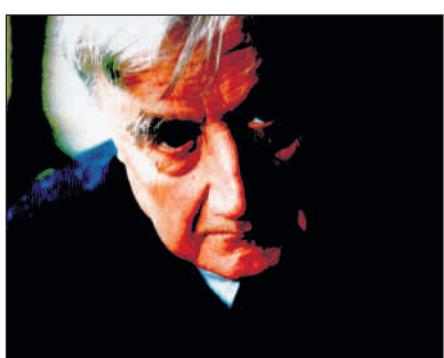
- 6.00 Milkshake! The Milkshake Show.  
6.25 Thomas & Friends.  
6.35 The Save-Ums!  
6.50 Angels of Jamm.  
7.00 Funky Valley.  
7.05 Franny's Feet.  
7.20 Little Princess.  
7.30 Roary the Racing Car.  
7.50 Make Way for Noddy.  
8.05 Fifi and the Flowertots.  
8.20 Peppa Pig.  
8.25 Thomas & Friends.  
8.40 Mist: Sheepdog Tales.  
8.50 Roobarb and Custard Too.  
9.00 O Thou Transcendent: The Life of Ralph Vaughan Williams.  
12.00 five news update.  
12.15 Cooking the Books.  
12.45 FILM: Samson and Delilah (1949). Biblical story. Victor Mature stars.  
3.10 FILM: Singin' in the Rain (1952). Classic musical comedy, starring Gene Kelly.  
5.05 FILM: Land of the Pharaohs (1955).  
7.00 five news.  
7.30 Cooking the Books. Britain's top chefs are invited along to whip up a mouth-watering dish from their recipe books.  
8.00 World's Strongest Man. Martin Bayfield presents the contest from Anaheim, California.  
9.00 CSI: NY. Tennis legend John McEnroe (guest-starring as himself) comes under suspicion of murder.  
10.00 CSI: NY.  
11.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.  
12.00 Disorderly Conduct.  
1.00 NBA 360.



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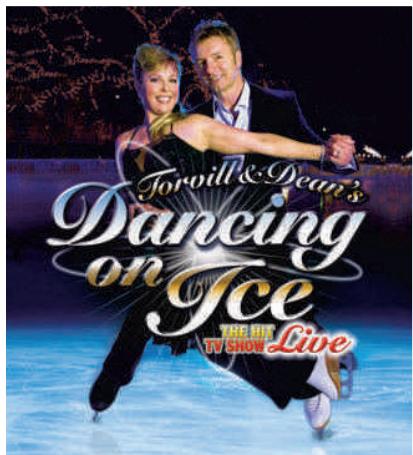
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# MOTORING

## Jeep is getting greener

THE original Willys Jeep was designed as a go-anywhere, ubiquitous military vehicle with four wheel drive, a pram-like hood and a rack for a rifle under the windscreen.

Somehow I cannot imagine that when John Wayne single handedly took the island of Iwo Jima he was thinking much about green issues or how much CO<sub>2</sub> his machine was putting into the atmosphere. But now the Jeep Patriot 2.0-litre CRD Sport has won a number of awards for its greenness, and its main credentials lie in the way in which it pussyfoots around the planet without upsetting it too much.

Wayne would not have been getting more than 40 miles to the gallon from his machine and neither would he have achieved 180g/km in terms of emissions – if he knew what emissions were.

Overall the Patriot offers a very reasonable package for anyone intending to buy a family sports utility 4x4. It is a very pleasant car to drive as I discovered when I took it through the channel tunnel and through to Bruges. And it has

### FIRST DRIVE

Decent 4x4  
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considerable carrying power as I discovered when I made the return journey loaded with Christmas necessities.

The interior is well appointed and spacious, it can certainly achieve 43mpg and what is more important, prices start around £15,995. Out on the open road the diesel engine purrs along quietly suggesting high levels of refinement. But when accelerating in traffic it becomes much more obvious, although it never reaches the point of becoming a nuisance.

Manual versions feature an easy to use six-speed gearbox in which the sixth gear is really a very high cruising gear. The remaining ratios are quite nicely spaced for use in traffic. And unlike a number of its competitors, where you battle with broken nails and torn ligaments to raise or lower the

rear seats, the Patriot sensibly offers tape loops which emerge from the squabs. One pull and the seat folds forward neatly to reveal a very large interior at the rear.

The Patriot is available in Sport or Limited trim and offers both manual and automatic transmission. You can even have the highly anti-social set of loudspeakers which drop down from the raised boot lid to blast away for outdoor parties. Inside, some clever wiring means you can get sound from your MP3 player.

I doubt if Patriot buyers will ever subject their car to any strenuous off-road activity but if they do I can assure them they are in for a pleasant surprise. The Patriot has a four wheel drive system that switches automatically from normal front to four wheel drive if any of the wheels lose traction. And of course it comes with the usual ABS anti-skid system, traction control and an electronic stability programme.

But you can forget all this and use it as a family 4x4 which is not damaging the environment to the same extent as some of its competitors and which will get you out of trouble when the road gets really sticky in the winter.



■ NOT UNDERSTATED ... good looking.

### BASICALLY ...

A well-equipped family car with plenty of space and versatility which does not cost an arm and a leg to either buy or run.



■ INTERIOR ... spacious and comfortable.

### VERDICT

#### Jeep Patriot

2.0-litre CRD Sport

#### Price

£16,995 (Starts £15,995)

#### Looks

Retains Jeep styling

#### Handling

Surprisingly good. Docile in traffic

#### Practicality

Huge cargo area when needed

#### Performance

Relaxed cruising speeds

### factfile

Engine:	2.0-litre diesel
Max. power:	138bhp
Top speed:	117mph
0-62mph:	11.0 secs
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THE gritting teams are well busy now that winter's frosts have set in, and they do a fantastic job keeping Britain on the move.

But all that grit and salt can take its toll on the family car, and will affect its resale value if you don't make a point of regularly sluicing away the damaging deposits that cake up around the wheel arch, underside, and front grille areas.

More importantly, if the car is due a service – get it booked in. Again, the harsh weather means that a car's vital components – fluid levels, anti-freeze, brakes and tyres – are easily affected, and all need a check.

Fast-fit centres and local garages alike often offer free winter vehicle checks – adverts for them appear in local and national newspapers – with motorists paying only for any parts needed.

But there's more at stake than improving a car's reliability – a service and/or safety check will significantly protect your wheeled investment's resale value.

Sadly, many British drivers rely on the one time each year that an older car HAS to visit a garage – for the MOT –

to determine its road-worthiness.

Remember, service history is often queried by buyers in the second-hand market – they want concrete evidence that vehicle has been looked after – and the lack of one can see anything up to £1,000 knocked off the asking price.

Worse, it could see buyers simply turn and walk away, rendering a vehicle unsaleable.

No-one wants to sell a car that's three years old and over from such a weak bargaining position, so a few quid spent in the service bay now will more than repay you in the long run.

As for the cleaning operation, use a hose – or a high-pressure washer if you have access to one – to sluice off the car, particularly the nooks and crannies.

Follow that up with a good shampooing, and if weather permits, apply a coat of wax and then polish the bodywork.

Lastly, a regular look at the screen-wash bottle is vital – it takes only minutes to check and fill, and will avoid the risk of stripping away the screen-wipers' rubber on dry, dirty glass.

Publisher EurotaxGlass's, meanwhile, says used-car showrooms will again suffer from the Christmas lull, with customers focusing on supermarket trolley wheels to the detriment of the motoring kind.

With dealer showrooms quiet, and thoughts of buying a used car put on hold until the New Year, many second-hand car dealers use the final month of the year to ensure they have the right balance of stock in preparation for the anticipated January uplift in sales.

Anecdotal evidence indicates their preference will be for used cars with high levels of specification, as such vehicles prove to be

most popular with prospective buyers early in the new year – aircon and heated car seats often top winter-wheels shopping lists, for obvious reasons.

According to the used-car market experts at EurotaxGlass's, which publishes Glass's Guide, December is a good time to buy, given the low levels of footfall in showrooms, and the desire among retailers to manage their stocks.

But remember, too, it is also a relatively hard time to sell or part-exchange a car – particularly a low-specification one – to a trade outlet.



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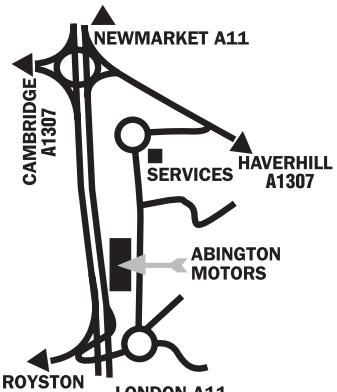


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**HIGHWAYS AGENCY**  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(c)  
THE A14 TRUNK

## Essex County Council

### APPLICATION TO ALTER THE DEFINITIVE MAP OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY: UTTLESFORD DISTRICT

The Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way for the County of Essex are available to the public for inspection. The Definitive Map shows Footpaths, Bridleways (for use on foot, horseback and pedal cycle), byways and restricted byways (ways established to be used by all traffic, but mainly used as Footpath and Bridleways). Public Roads (surfaced and unsurfaced) and cycle tracks are not shown because they are outside the scope of the Definitive Map.

The Map and Statement are a record of Public Rights of Way that already exist. To ensure that the Map is accurate it is modified by Orders, for example to add a Footpath which is found to be public, to reclassify a Bridleway if necessary or delete a Restricted Byway if it were included by mistake.

#### The County Council is now ready to receive applications for such Orders from anyone who wishes to apply for a Modification of the Definitive Map and Statement for the Uttlesford District.

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**Applications can be made from 1 January 2008 to 30 June 2008.**

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Dated: 28 December 2007.

County Hall  
Chelmsford  
P M Thomson  
County Solicitor



### HIGHWAYS AGENCY ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(a) THE A14 TRUNK ROAD (GALLEY HILL INTERCHANGE TO HEMINGFORD ABBOTS INTERCHANGE, HUNTINGDON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 200

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the A14 Trunk Road in the County of Cambridgeshire to allow for resurfacing, stud replacement, gully cleaning and associated works to be carried out in safety.

It is expected that the works would take place over 3 nights starting on, or after, Wednesday 16 January 2008. There would be no weekend working. The Order would come into force on 14 January 2008 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

The effect of the Order would be to –

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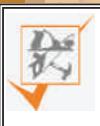
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## SWIMMING: HAVERHILL ACE LOOKS AHEAD TO OLYMPIC CHALLENGE

# Bircher's eyes fixed on Beijing

■ TOM YOUNGS

DESPITE losing his goggles in a big race this year, Haverhill swimmer Alan Bircher's eyes remain focused firmly on his goals for 2008.

The open water ace endured a torrid time at the Seville leg of the World Cup in June place after his goggles snapped.

But he recovered to end the season back in the world's top 10 for the 10km event, giving him confidence for when the discipline becomes part of the Olympics next year.

"I am pretty satisfied with my results this year," said Bircher. "My main goal was breaking into the top 10 again, which I achieved, finishing eighth."

"Losing the goggles was just one of those things. I am glad it happened this year and not in 2008!"

After a lacklustre couple of seasons, the 2004 World silver medallist was intent on displaying a return to form in 2007, but at the World Championships in Melbourne back in March he was dealt a cruel blow.

"I had flu for two weeks before," he said.

"So I didn't swim for six to eight days."

"I felt in great condition and raced well tactically, I just ran out of energy with 500m to go."

Although he was disappointed to finish in eighth place, Bircher felt his performance promised of better things to come, which he soon proved in a taxing European and World Cup double-header in London.

"I knew I had some big swims in me," he said. "I had back-to-back races, but finished first in the 5km, and then second against a fresh, world-class field in the 10km."

With the major competitions finishing so early this year, the British champion has spent plenty of time assessing and amending his training schedule.

He said: "I have raised my level with the addition of a good gym programme, and I've just got back from a warm weather camp in Australia which couldn't have gone better."

Bircher hopes the improvements will bear fruit for what is a crucial upcoming year.

Recent races in the Far East should serve as a good taster for conditions at the Olympics, provided he first qualifies via the World Championships in Seville – the scene of the goggle disaster.

"I have had some good performances in



■ ALAN BIRCHER... set for a busy 2008.

Seville previously," he said. "So I know the course well and I'm not worried.

"And the Asia meets gave us a good idea of what we'll have to deal with in Beijing."

The 26 year old would obviously love to be among the frontrunners in China, but if he does miss out, there may be another chance in four years' time.

He said: "I'll prepare myself well and race as hard as I can in Beijing, and hopefully the result will follow.

"But I got a real buzz from racing at home in London this year, and I always seem to be in the medals when the water is cold. That can only be good news for the Games in 2012!"

## CRICKET: SPOTLIGHT ON A YOUNGSTER WITH A BRIGHT FUTURE



■ TOM WESTLEY... 12 months of steady progress.

# Westley reflects on his perfect year

RISING young cricket star Tom Westley did not really need any Christmas presents this year – he had already received all he could have dreamed of in the past 12 months. The Weston Colville-based 18-year-old all-rounder made his first-class debut for Essex, securing a new two-year contract with the club in the process, and also broke into the England under-19 test side despite being a year younger than the rest of the squad.

To top everything off, he was also selected for next year's Under-19 World Cup in Malaysia.

"It's been a massive year for me," said Westley, who played his club cricket for Saffron Walden. "I've achieved a lot of the goals I set for myself."

The good times started in May when he made his first-class bow against UCCE at Fenner's. "It was nice to make my

debut back in Cambridge," he said. "I got 46 not out and felt pretty good. "Then towards the end of the season I played some county championship games, got a few more runs and established myself somewhat." Westley's progress was noted by England, and he was given an early promotion into the under-19 ranks, where he impressed by taking seven wickets in the first Test against Pakistan. "I hadn't done much bowling prior to the game," he said. "So I was pretty nervous. As I didn't get many runs, the wickets kept me in frame for the one-day series, and then the World Cup." The youngster was delighted to cement his place for the tournament in February. "It was a dream come true," he said. "I'll be in my own age group by then so I'll probably take more of a batting role, and I'll still be second spinner."

To help in his preparation for both the World Cup and next season, Westley has been training out in Australia during the winter as part of Essex's Graham Gooch Scholarship scheme.

"There are 12 of us out here in an academy," he said. "It's a great opportunity for me."

"We've a training schedule and we are also playing A-grade club cricket in Perth. It's difficult at times, because for any young batsman Australia is the toughest place to play, but it stands us in good stead for the future."

Westley hopes the experience will help him push on to greater things now that he has netted a new deal with Essex. "My ultimate goal is to get a National Academy place," he said. "But first I have to establish myself in the Essex first team."

TOM YOUNGS

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## RIDGEONS LEAGUE

# Westcott on song in Haverhill double joy

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MARTIN Westcott led the Haverhill charge with two goals as they ran riot at home against Histon reserves on Boxing Day.

Nick Impey put the hosts in front on 20 minutes when he tucked away the rebound from an Adam Ben-Saud shot. Westcott then got his first three minutes later before Colin Vowden claimed the final touch off an Impey effort to put Rovers into a 3-0 lead at the break.

Things went from bad to worse for Histon in the second half as Haverhill made it 4-0 three minutes after the interval thanks to Westcott's second from a skilful shot into the bottom right hand corner.

Richard Heller got in on the act on 56 minutes after Histon keeper Ben Stone dropped a Sam Green cross for the Haverhill winger to nip in and score. Green then set up Ryan Kent for the sixth on 87 minutes and Shaun Banham completed the rout with the seventh two minutes into stoppage time.

### Haverhill Rovers 4 Woodbridge 2

THREE goals in as many minutes turned the game on its head for Haverhill on Saturday. Rovers started brightly with a goal on 15 minutes from Nick Impey. The visitors levelled on 41 minutes and took the lead nine minutes into the second half. However, Marcus Hunt equalised on 71 minutes, Martin Westcott volleyed home two minutes later and Adam Ben-Saud completed the comeback.

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